

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In re Application of: TERRY N. TANKERSLEY et al. Attorney Docket No.: KCX-26-DIV  
Serial No.: 09/159,436 Date: January 4, 2000  
Filed: December 30, 1999 (CPA of divisional filed September 24, 1998) Art Unit: 3741

Title: FOLDED SURGICAL GOWN FOR ASEPTIC DONNING, Our Account No. 04-1403  
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is an Information Disclosure Statement for the captioned patent application, pursuant to 37 CFR Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

1. [X] Attached hereto is:

- a. [X] A list of all materials for consideration per Rule 98(a) (1):  
page(s)
- b. [X] A legible copy of each patent, publication, or other item listed per Rule 98(a)(2), unless not required per Rule 98(c) and/or (d) and as indicated on the attached list(s):  
1 item(s)
- c. [ ] For each non-English language item listed, pursuant to Rule 98(a)(3), a concise explanation of the relevance thereof as it is presently understood by the individual designated in Rule 56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of such items: \_\_\_\_\_ page(s)

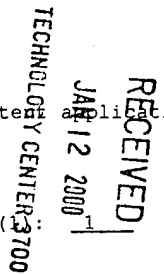
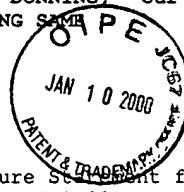
2. [X] This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed [CHECK ONE]:

- a. [X] WITHIN THREE MONTHS of the application filing date or national stage date of entry OR BEFORE the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, which ever event occurs last, WHEREFORE per Rule 97(b) NO filing fee or Rule 97(e) certificate is required.
- b. [ ] AFTER the time periods of section 2.a above, but BEFORE a Final Action OR Notice of Allowance, WHEREFORE per Rule 97(c) submitted herewith is [CHECK ONE]:
  - i. [ ] Certification per Rule 97(e) OR
  - ii. [ ] Filing Fee per Rule 17(p) . . . . . \$240.00
- c. [ ] AFTER a Final Action OR Notice of Allowance, but BEFORE payment of the issue fee, WHEREFORE per Rule 97(d) submitted herewith is:
  - i. Certification per Rule 97(e)
  - ii. Petition: Petition is hereby made under Rule 97(d)(ii) for consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement;  
AND
  - iii. Petition fee per Rule 17(i)(1) . . . . . \$130.00

3. [ ] Rule 97(e) Certification; per Rule 97(e), the undersigned certifying party makes the following certification statement [CHECK ONE]:

- a. [ ] That each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement; OR
- b. [ ] That no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in Rule 56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY



CERTIFYING PARTY (if different from bottom signature; omission here indicates that certification is being made by signer per signature below)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

4. [X] DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any fees in addition to the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account No. shown in the heading hereof for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This statement does not authorize charge of the issue fee in this case.

5. [X] CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to [CHECK AND COMPLETE ONE]:

a. [X] First Class Mail Certificate of Mailing under Rule 8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any referenced attachment and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

January 4, 2000

Martha Boynton

(Typed/printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

Martha Boynton  
(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

b. [ ] "Express Mail" Certificate under Rule 10:

"Express Mail" - Label No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Deposit \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this paper and all attachments and any fee are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box Patent Application, Washington D.C. 20231.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed/printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 1449  
Greenville, SC 29602-1449  
(803) 256-2005  
FAX (803) 933-0066

DORITY & MANNING, P.A.

By: Craig N. Killen

Reg. No.: 35,218

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: January 4, 2000

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PATENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: KCX-26-DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of	)	Examiner: Mohanty, B.
TERRY N. TANKERSLEY et al.	)	
	)	
Serial No.: 09/159,436	)	Art Unit: 3741
	)	
Filed: December 30, 1999 (CPA of parent	)	
filed September 24, 1998)	)	
	)	
Title: FOLDED SURGICAL GOWN FOR ASEPTIC	)	
DONNING, APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	
FOR PRODUCING SAME	)	

STATEMENT UNDER RULE 98(a)(3)

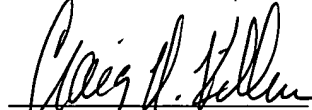
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 98(a)(3), a concise explanation of the relevance is hereby provided of the non-English-language patent documents cited by applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 29, 1998. Each of these documents was cited by the EPO in the corresponding application filed under the PCT. It is believed that the relevance of each of these documents can be discerned from the PCT Search Report previously considered by the Examiner, in conjunction with the drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

DORITY & MANNING, P.A.



Craig N. Killen  
Registration No. 35,218

P.O. Box 1449  
Greenville, SC 29602-1449  
(803) 256-2005

FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any referenced attachment and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on January 4, 2000.

Martha Boynton

(Typed/printed name of person mailing paper or fee)



(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

PATENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: KCX-26-DIV

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of	)	
TERRY N. TANKERSLEY ET AL.	)	Examiner: Mohanty, B.
	)	
Serial No.: 09/159,436	)	Art Unit: 3741
	)	
Filed: December 30, 1999 (CPA of divisional	)	
filed September 24, 1998)	)	
	)	
For: FOLDED SURGICAL GOWN FOR	)	
ASEPTIC DONNING, APPARATUS AND	)	
METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME	)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

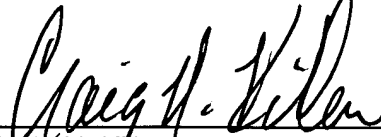
The Examiner is requested to consider the surgical gown and method of folding as shown in the attached Exhibit A (Sheets A through E). This gown was sold for more than one year prior to the effective filing date of April 8, 1997.

The subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,934,523 is also believed to be prior art to the apparatus disclosed in the present application, and the Examiner is requested to consider it as such during examination of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the invention as set forth in the claims of the present application fully define over the prior art known to applicants. The Examiner is encouraged to make an independent search and evaluation of the applicable prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

DORITY & MANNING, P.A.



Craig N. Killen

Registration No. 35,218

P.O. Box 1449

Greenville, SC 29602-1449

Telephone: 803-256-2005

Fax 803-933-0066

FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any referenced attachment and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on January 4, 2000.

Martha Boynton

(Typed/printed name of person mailing paper or fee)



(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)